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Date Mailed: March 13, 2020  
MOAHR Docket No.: 19-013717  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Alice C. Elkin**

### **HEARING DECISION**

Following Petitioner's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 7 CFR 273.15 to 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on February 24, 2020, from Detroit, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by [REDACTED], her authorized hearing representative (AHR). Appearing on Petitioner's behalf were Petitioner and [REDACTED] Petitioner's sister. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED], Hearing Facilitator.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine that Petitioner was eligible for Emergency Services Only (ESO) Medical Assistance (MA) coverage?

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Petitioner is a US permanent resident from Pakistan who established residency in the U.S. on May 10, 2018.
2. On an unknown date, the Department notified Petitioner that she was eligible for ESO MA coverage.
3. On December 30, 2019, the Department received Petitioner's Request for Hearing disputing her MA coverage.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Department policies are contained in the Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Department of Health and Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5; 42 USC 1315; the Affordable Care Act of 2010, the collective term for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152; and 42 CFR 430.10-.25. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.105-.112k.

In this case, Petitioner requested a hearing disputing the Department granting her ESO MA rather than full-coverage MA. To be eligible for full coverage MA, a person must be a U.S. citizen or an alien admitted to the U.S. under a specific immigration status. BEM 225 (October 2019), p. 2. An individual who is a permanent resident alien with a class code on the permanent residency card other than RE, AM or AS is eligible only for ESO MA coverage for the first five years in the U.S. unless the alien is a qualified military alien or the spouse or dependent child of a qualified military alien. BEM 225, pp. 5-8, 30. A qualified military alien is a qualified alien on active duty in, or veteran honorably discharged from, the U.S. Armed Forces. BEM 225, p. 5. A person who does not meet an acceptable alien status, including undocumented aliens and non-immigrants who have stayed beyond the period authorized by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, are eligible only for ESO MA coverage. BEM 225, p. 9. The alien status of each non-citizen must be verified to be eligible for full MA coverage. BEM 225, p. 2.

In this case, the Department explained that Petitioner was approved for ESO MA coverage because she had been a permanent resident of the U.S. for less than 5 years. The AHR acknowledged Petitioner was originally from Pakistan and had resided in the U.S. since May 10, 2018. According to the Department, Petitioner's permanent resident card did not show a class code of RE, AM or AS. The AHR did not dispute this finding. There was no evidence that Petitioner was a qualified military alien or the spouse of one. Because Petitioner has not been a permanent resident alien for five or more years, does not have eligible class code, and was not a qualified military alien, she was not eligible for full-coverage MA.

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department properly determined Petitioner's immigration status when determining MA eligibility and providing ESO MA coverage.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.

ACE/tlf



**Alice C. Elkin**

Administrative Law Judge  
for Robert Gordon, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services

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